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REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, claim 8 is amended and claims 4-6 are cancelled. No new matter is present and, accordingly, approval and entry of the foregoing amendments are respectfully requested.

STATUS OF CLAIMS

Claims 4-6 are cancelled.

Claims 1, 2 and 8 are allowed, although claim 8 is objected to.

Claims 1, 2 and 8 are pending and under consideration.

ITEM 2: OBJECTION TO CLAIM 8

In response to Item 2, Applicant has amended claim 8 to correct for the omission of the word "the" in line 6 of claim 8 as noted in Item 2 of the Office Action.

ITEM 4: REJECTION OF CLAIMS 4-6 FOR OBVIOUSNESS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103(a) IN VIEW OF BLOOMQUIST ET AL. (U.S. PATENT 6,900,740)

The rejection is respectfully traversed, as moot, in view of the cancellation of claims 4-6.

CONCLUSION

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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